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SUBJECT: ILO CHAIRMANSHIP OF STRUCTURE COMMITTEE

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1. NIGERIAN LABOR PERMSEC S. O. KOKU APPRECIATES, AND IS FLATTERED BY, INDICATIONS OF USG SUPPORT. HE IS AWARE OF IMPORTANCE AND SENSITIVITY OF STRUCTURE COMMITTEE AND WILL ACCEPT CHAIRMANSHIP IF ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL FEELS THIS IS BEST USE OF HIS CAPABILITIES AND IF CIRCUMSTANCES ARE PROPITIOUS. KOKU NOTED HE SUFFERED SOME EMBARRASSMENT DURING 1973 CONFERENCE FROM MINORITY WITHIN AFRICA GROUP WHO FELT HE DID NOT ADEQUATELY REFLECT AFRICAN THOUGHTS ON RESTRUCTURING. KOKU BELIEVES CHAIRMAN SHOULD BE ABOVE REGIONAL POLITICS AND THIS HE TRIED TO DO DESPITE CRITICISMS. HE INTENDS TO KEEP OPEN MIND ON CHAIRMANSHIP UNTIL HE IS ABLE TO ASCERTAIN HOW MUCH SUPPORT HE WILL HAVE AND HOW MUCH OPPOSITION HE MIGHT FACE.

2. KOKU ALLUDED TO PROBLEM HE MAY HAVE WITH AN UNNAMED SENIOR AFRICAN LABOR MINISTER WHOM HE DESCRIBES AS A
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"SENILE OLD FOOL" AND WHO MAY BE ELECTED TO A SENIOR

POSITION IN THIS YEAR'S ILO CONFERENCE. HE STATED THAT IF
HE IS CHAIRMAN OF THE STRUCTURE COMMITTEE HE MAY BE PUT IN
EMBARRASSING POSITION OF HAVING TO OPENLY DISAGREE WITH
THIS UNNAMED PERSON AND APPEARS SOMEWHAT RELUCTANT TO DO
SO FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES.
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